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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application is a Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Applicants request a two month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed October 10, 2002, resetting the response date to March 10, 2003. The extension fee of \$410.00 and any additional fees should be charged to Kenyon & Kenyon, Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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This paper addresses the Final Office Action dated October 10, 2002 in connection with the above-captioned application.

**REMARKS**

**I. Introduction**

Claims 1 to 34 are pending in the present application. In view of the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**II. Rejection of Claims 8 to 17 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 8 to 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly "vague and indefinite for the reasons noted in paper no 6 (3-27-02)." Final Office Action at p. 2. The Office Action of March 27, 2002 states at page 2 that "[t]hese claims are vague and indefinite in that they purpose [sic] to be drawn to a method for charging but no process or method steps are claimed." The present Final Office Action states that "no specific recognizable steps are claimed,"

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